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Mr. Jim Craig
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Mississippi State Department of Health
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Dear Mr. Craig:

As required by Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations §142.17, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 conducted an Annual Review of the Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) Program administered by the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) for Fiscal Year 2019. The evaluation focused on core PWSS Program elements such as rule adoption and implementation, sanitary surveys, data management, lab certification and enforcement. In addition, it considered other programs and issues that support implementation of the PWSS Program, including capacity development, operator certification, and state resources. For this effort, we relied on existing information already reported to the EPA by the State as well as information gathered through routine meetings and correspondence with representatives of MSDH's PWSS Program.

EPA concluded that the MSDH met the requirements of the PWSS Program and grant requirements for 2019. Please review the report and provide comments to the EPA within 14 days. If you have questions regarding any aspect of the report or the evaluation process, please contact me or have a member of your staff contact Mr. Robert Burns of the Drinking Water Section at (404) 562-9456.

Sincerely,

Jeaneanne M. Gettle, Director
Water Division

Enclosure